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TAGS: EAIR, FR

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PAN AM CHANGE OF GAUGE

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REF: PARIS 13998

FOR AMBASSADOR HARTMAN FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ

1. DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED PAN AM TO PROCEED WITH  
MAY 1 FLIGHT. THIS IS A DECISION WHICH PAN AM HAS MADE,  
FULLY KNOWLEDGEABLE OF FRENCH OPPOSITION. WE HAVE TOLD  
PAN AM THAT IT IS THE JUDGMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT, AS  
WELL AS THAT OF CAB AND DOT, THAT PROPOSED OPERATION  
IS CONSISTENT WITH BILATERAL AND FRENCH OBJECTION  
INCONSISTENT WITH BILATERAL. WE HAVE ALSO ADVISED PAN  
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AM THAT FRENCH INTERFERENCE WITH OPERATION WOULD TRIGGER  
RETALIATORY ACTION BY U.S. WE HAVE NO BASIS FOR INSTRUCT-  
ING PAN AM NOT TO FLY

2. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS AMBASSADOR TO ATTEMPT TO REACH  
FRENCH OFFICIALS AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL TO STATE  
SERIOUSNESS OF U.S. CONCERN OVER APPARENT FRENCH DETER-

MINATION TO INTERFERE WITH MAY 1 FLIGHT. IN OUR JUDG-  
MENT, FRENCH OBJECTIONS TO FLIGHT ARE UNFOUNDED, BUT  
IN ANY EVENT PROPER COURSE WOULD BE TO SEEK NEGOTIATIONS

AND/OR ARBITRATION RATHER THAN INTERFERE WITH CARRIAGE  
OF PASSENGERS. FRENCH SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT U.S. DOES  
NOT SEEK CONFRONTATION, BUT WE MUST INSIST ON INHERENCE  
TO OUR BILATERAL RIGHTS. FRENCH SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT  
THEIR INTERFERENCE WITH FLIGHT WILL RESULT IN U.S.  
COUNTER MEASURES.

3. I HAVE DISCUSSED SUBSTANCE OF FOREGOING WITH VEST,  
WHO CONCURS. VANCE

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